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SUBJECT: PRAVDA SAYS SEVENTH FLEET IS SOURCE OF  
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1. FIRST EXTENSIVE SOVIET COMMENTARY ON APPEARANCE OF SEVENTH FLEET UNITS IN INDIAN OCEAN (ORESTOV, PRAVDA DECEMBER 12) AVOIDS REFERENCE TO INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE BUT ASSETS PRESENCE OF U.S. SHIPS NEAR SHORES OF SOUTHERN ARABIA HAS NOTHING IN COMMON WITH EFFORTS TO REACH ME PEACE SETTLEMENT.

2. ORESTOV SAYS PRESENCE OF U.S. NAVAL UNITS IS EVOKING SERIOUS CONCERN AMONG NUMBER OF ASIAN COUNTRIES. HE NOTES THAT SOUTH YEMENI FOREIGN MINISTER SENT MESSAGE TO UNSYG SAYING ACTION IS THREAT TO PEACE OF REGION AND CITES AL AHRAM TO EFFECT THAT FLEET ACTIVITY SIGNIFIES U.S. DESIRE TO PRESSURE CERTAIN ARAB STATES. WRITER SAYS DEFENSE SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S DECLARATION THAT U.S. INTENDS TO HAVE SHIPS IN INDIAN OCEAN MORE FREQUENTLY THAN BEFORE HAS AROUSED CONCERN IN INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

3. REFERRING TO SEVENTH FLEET'S PAST ROLE IN VIETNAM AND CITING SOUTH ASIAN FEARS THAT IT IS BECOMING SOURCE OF PERMANENT TENSION IN AREA, ORESTOV CONCLUDES THAT ACTIONS LIKE FLEET MANEUVERS, ESPECIALLY WHEN SHIPS BELONG TO COUNTRIES FAR FROM ASIAN BORDERS, IN NO WAY CONTRIBUTE TO ASPIRATIONS FOR PEACE OR RELAXATION OF TENSIONS IN THE REGION.  
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